GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:70
ANSWERED ON:18.02.2003
CLOSURE OF HFC, HALDIA UNIT
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that closure of HFC's Haldia Unit left most of its workers in the Lurch;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the re-imbursement of one time funds extended to the workers through Voluntary Separation Scheme remains uncertain;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the said unit was commissioned in 1982 but stopped in 1986 following an order from the Union Finance Ministry; and

(f) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (d): Consequent to the decision of the Government to close down the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC), including the Haldia Unit, the Company has offered to all its employees the benefits under the Voluntary Separation Scheme to be funded by the Government. All the employees would be paid their dues.

(e) & (f): The Haldia Unit though mechanically completed in 1979 could never be commissioned.